

REMARKS

Weckerly does not disclose or teach non-parallel first and second legs in its “combination reglet and counterflashing.” Its legs are parallel, *see* Figure 1. Moreover, it teaches that the parallel legs are necessary, in order to secure and maintain flexible member 54 as is taught in the reference.

The present invention discloses and teaches the opposite; first and second legs that are non-parallel. The present amendment recites that structure. Because that structure recited in the claims is not disclosed in the Weckerly or other references of record, the present invention is novel over the prior art of record. Because the Weckerly and other prior art references of record teach parallel leg devices, they teach away and the present invention as claimed is non-obvious over the prior art of record.

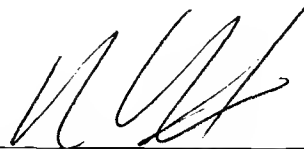
Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for a courteous and useful informal interview wherein the structural recitations of the claims vis-à-vis the prior art of record were discussed.

Conclusion

The amended claims are in condition for allowance, and applicant requests that they be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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